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counts due the old firm.

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 7, 1897.

J. F. AKERS,
A. G. WILSON.

A VERY OLD TUB.

Boman Bucket That Dates Back Sixteen
Hundred Years.

My thoughts, when I was at the ruins of Silchester recently, were that hundreds of antiquities all over the country would be given gold to anyone who should have told them of the great "find" that was there and then to be safely brought to hand, says a letter in London Truth. A friend and myself strolled over from Aldermaston to view the ruins and as many of the "finds" as were still to be seen, Mr. Davis, F. S. A., at present superintending the operations, explained to us how, when digging out an old well, he made the lucky discovery of a tunnel which conducted him to an ancient gate, the existence of which had not been before suspected. A windlass had been fitted up over a well six feet deep, and men were digging out handfuls of earth which were being diligently hauled up. For two weeks the work at this point had been going on, and within the last week it had been discovered that this was an old Roman tub-well. The wood seemed somewhat rotten, as might be expected after 1,600 years, so that the raising of the tub caused the greatest anxiety. The tub had been ingeniously fitted by Mr. Davis with two wooden shelves running all round it—one at the top and the other at the bottom, both of which served to protect it from any strain during the preparation for hoisting it, and also relieved the tub of its own weight during the process of hoisting. After one unsuccessful attempt to bring it up, during which a small portion of it was knocked off, it was triumphantly raised to light in a comparatively perfect state of preservation. We expect that the tub will shortly be on view at the Reading museum, where there is already a beautiful collection of Silchester relics.

RED TURTLES.

They Live and Breed in a Spring Whose
Temperature is 226 Degrees.

That portion of southern or lower California called Hell's Half-Acre appears to be situated directly over a substratum of fire, which causes the mud and water to boil as if in a caldron, says the St. Louis Republic. At one place on the Half-Acre there are over 100 boiling springs and hot mud geysers on a plot of ground that is not of greater extent than a common city square. The chief spring in this queer aggregation of boiling and spouting jets of mud and water is called the fountain of the Boiled Turtles on account of its curious habit of occasionally ejecting numbers of small red turtles. The temperature of this spring is 226 degrees, 14 degrees higher than the temperature required to boil water under ordinary atmospheric pressure. Notwithstanding the fact that the temperature is sufficient to boil meat perfectly within a few minutes, the small red turtles spoken of live and breed there just as the ordinary variety does in waters of common lakes, rivers and other streams. The spring is called the fountain of Boiled Turtles because the queer, hard-shelled creatures of being cooked perfectly done.

SURE CURE FOR SHIPWRECK.

What a Sunday School Pupil Would Do to
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Machine for Weighing Thought.

A thought-weighting machine has been invented by Prof. Mossi, an Italian physiologist, the rush of blood to the head turning the scale. The machine is so delicate that it can measure the difference in the exertion needed to read Greek from that required for Latin.

JUSTICE IN ALABAMA.

Why a Prisoner Was Declared "Not Guilty."

A Jacksonville broker, while traveling in the Alabama mountains, was invited by a friend, a local judge, to attend the trial of a "cracker" for shooting a darky, and, the prisoner having no money to hire a lawyer, the judge appointed the broker to defend him, allowing that if the broker was not a lawyer he was an idiot because he wasn't one—a judgment amply supported by his conduct of the case, says the San Francisco Argonaut. The broker cross-examined the witness briefly, sending in now and then a discrediting trajectory. When he came to make a speech, he said: "Gentlemen of the jury, I have taken great pains to show you that my client was a respectable citizen. Ten witnesses have asserted—on oath, mind you—that he stands high in his community." The defendant was six feet three inches tall and the jury smiled. "He stood high in his community, and that is sufficient. Now, for the law. We find in the thirteenth verse of the sixteenth chapter of 'Chitty on Pleasings'—Chitty, gentlemen, was one of the bravest generals in the confederate army—this well-established principle of law." Here the broker adjusts his glasses, holds the book far off, elevates his chin and reads: "No respectable white man can be guilty of crime." That, gentlemen, is enough. I leave the case in your hands."

Each juror changed his quid, looked at his neighbor, nodded and, without leaving their seats, they rendered a loud and emphatic verdict of "Not guilty," and then joined in three cheers for the defendant and his lawyer.

THEY WERE KIN.

But the Traveler Did Not Care to Inquire Too Closely.

"The best joke I ever heard was on me," said J. D. Buford to a Washington Star reporter.

"I was in Wise county, Va., in the heart of the mountains, in the southwestern part of the old dominion. I am a Virginian, and in common with all loyal Virginians, claim kinship to every one of my name in the state. The landlord saw my name on the register. 'So yo' name's Buford?' he said. 'Yes.'"

"'Under be sum Bufords hyar?'

"Well, they must have been relations. My family are all Virginians."

"Yass, Yo' do favor 'em. Reckon yo' all air kin. Yo' look jess like Dave."

"My father's name was Dave."

"Thar war three, Bob, John an' Dave."

"I have uncles by those names. They are family names."

"Yo' sho' air kin. I thought so, minit I looked at yo.'

"You say the Bufords moved away?"

"Not zackly."

"I thought you said they used to live here?"

"That's what I sed. Yo' see, John an' Dave was Bob's sons. Th' ole man was gwine ter marry agin, so th' boys wouldn't git th' little propety th' ole man had, an' they killed 'im, so we hung John an' Dave."

"I did not trace the relationship or the family resemblance any farther."

SHE CHANGED IT.

But the New Subject Was as Objectionable to Him as the Old One.

He threw his newspaper on the floor and waved both hands over his head, while his clenched teeth refused to give exit to the remarks which seemed akin to the remarks which seemed to him to be perfect satisfaction, or to which he had been exposed.

"What is that?" he asked.

"Oh, that is a speaking tube. It is a great convenience. We can talk with it to the clerks on the first floor without taking the trouble of going downstairs."

"Can they hear anything that you say through it?"

"Yes, and they can reply."

"You don't say so! May I talk through it?"

"Certainly."

The visitor put his mouth to the tube and asked:

"Are Sam Smith's goods packed yet?"

The people in the office supposed it was the salesman who had asked the question, and in a moment the distinct reply came back:

"No; we are waiting for a telegram from his town. He looks like a slippery customer."

Didn't Believe It.

Some years ago, while visiting the Spokane, Gen. Philip Sheridan related to the Indians, through an interpreter, the wonders of the railroad, and then waited to see what effect the revelation would have upon them. "What do they say?" he asked the interpreter. "They say they don't believe it," was the answer.

Sheridan then described the steamboat, and the interpreter repeated this. "What do they say to that?" the general asked again, seeing the Indians all impressed. "They say they don't believe that either." Then the general gave an account of the telephone, and told how a man at the end of a long wire had talked to a man at the other end of it. The interpreter remained silent. "Well," said the general, "why don't you interpret that to them?" "Because I don't believe that story myself," answered the conscientious man.

Dinners Are Useful.

One day, when somebody objected to the practice of having dinners for parish or public purposes, "Sir," said Lord Stowell, "I approve of the dining system; it puts people in a good humor and makes them agree when they otherwise might not; a dinner lubricates business."

A Singing Fish.

A reader of the St. Louis Republic residing at Bentonville, Ark., writes as follows: "I read your 'note' on 'vocal fishes' in 'Notes for the Curious' on September 12 and wish to say that along the coast of Florida and Georgia I have often heard the musical notes of what the old fishermen call the 'singing shad.' They differ from the common shad in being smaller and also in the formation of their mouths. Their singing is pleasant at first, but soon grows monotonous, owing to the fact that it is a constant repetition of the same sounds."

HERE'S A COOL HOUSE.

A German Inventor Conceives a Scheme to Keep You Comfortable in Summer.

The house of the water tubes is the remarkable building freak of a German inventor, who claims that he has solved the problem of a constant temperature that may be regulated at will, and incidentally secured a structure that combines the elements of strength, comfort and beauty.

He first put up a skeleton of his house, the frame for walls and floors being of water tubing, connected with a pumping and boiler system in the basement. Around this skeleton, says the New York Journal, he put up his house in the ordinary way. The tubes were within the walls and between the floors and ceilings. In the summer time this tubing is connected with the regular water supply, and a steady stream flows through the pipes in the walls and under the floors, circulating under pressure, absorbing the heat of the walls and floors as it flows. During the long and severe winter the tubing is connected with the boiler, and water heated to 100 degrees forced through the circuit of pipes. The water at the outlet is found to have decreased to 40 degrees, the remaining 60 degrees having been distributed throughout the house. The speed of the circulation of water can be regulated so as to allow the fixing and maintenance of a certain temperature throughout the building.

IS ONLY FIVE BLOCKS LONG.

Trolley Line in Chicago Which Operates But One Car.

To the average Chicagoan a trolley line unconsciously suggests great distances. His city is so big. It will surprise many, therefore, to learn that a line actually in operation in the business district, the rolling stock of which runs a trifle less than five blocks.

This line, says the Chronicle, operates on Clark street and simply runs from Washington to Illinois street. Its rolling stock consists of one car, and its operatives include one conductor and one motorman. It is run for the special benefit of South Water street merchants who live on the north side but is safe to say not one of these men in a thousand know that such is the case. As for the general public not even in the thousand, know of its existence. Incidentally, too, the line is operated to retain the franchise.

"We give transfers to the cable line going north," said the conductor when asked for information, "but we don't transfer to any other cars."

"How many passengers each day?"

"Yes; we're crowded," he said, with a laugh. "Sometimes I get one—then again another."

THE WAY IT ACTED.

It Was Quite a New Thing to Sam and He Was Bound to Try It.

A tailor named Sam Smith, from a country place, visited a large wholesale warehouse and ordered a quantity of

NEW SHIRTS FOR 1897....

Latest Fad Coat Shirt, made with plain pleat to match, in checks and stripes, fast colors, fine fitting, \$1.50

New Styles of Fancy Front Shirts at \$1.00

New Styles of Colored Shirts with 2 high collars, colored bosoms, collars and cuffs, fast colors, at \$1.50

One case of Tan Fleece Underwear at 33c Regular 50c quality.

One lot of Linen Collars at 5c

One lot of Linen Cuffs at 12c

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We're overloaded, fairly smothered with clothing, because the weather has not kept its date. We've too much, too much, too much! If a farmer keeps his hens till they're old he can't sell them. If a fruit dealer keeps his bananas till they're rotten he can't sell them. If we keep our stock till it's out of style we'll lose our trade. Right now the fun begins, and lasts until February 1st. A regular circus for close buyers; a picnic for those who have waited for the "mark down" time. A good time for those to buy whose means are limited. We take no heed or thought of profit, real worth or anything else except our firm resolve to reduce our stock to proper limits.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Crosthwaite family tonight.

Irwin's rock balsam is a positive cure for coughs and colds.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a franchise meeting Thursday at 8:30 p. m.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Welgand are the best in town. mch 25-dtf

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Welgand. Moh 25-dtf.

Cubanola, the leading five cent cigar, sold only at Irwin's drug store.

Elocution and music tonight at the Baptist church.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served over rice daily at Singleton's restaurant—Oct 21st

Léo Mesmer will play bass ball the coming season with the Quincy club of the Western association.

Assigned Drake will sell at auction the remainder of the Loveland & Melchoir stock of pictures and frames.

Dr. C. U. Smith, dentist, has removed from the Arcade to the Pasfield building, 224 North Main street.—6-00

The Equal Suffrage society will meet Friday at 2:30 p. m., Jan. 15, with Mrs. Stafford, 263 Macon street.

The place to get a piano or organ to suit you is at the C. B. Prescott music house. Call and see the elegant instruments. Prices low, terms easy

Joseph Berne attended the dance on Broadway last night. Somebody stole his overcoat or took it away through negligence.

The first man to call upon Collector Carter to pay his taxes Monday was Attorney E. B. McDonald who forced over \$25

On account of the funeral of Mrs. C. A. Towne, the called meeting of the Social Helpers of the Christian church, is postponed from Wednesday until Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. By order of the president.

Miss Katheryn Harwood, Decatur—Yellow satin, covered with Paris muslin, trimmed with turquoise velvet and violet.

Miss Mac Harwood—Silver blue brocade satin, trimmed with lace and rose colored velvet; La France roses.

Mrs. Kilburn Harwood, Decatur—Bodice brocade silk, trimmed with velvet and embroidered muscavette de sole, point lace, diamonds, and bouquet of violets.

Mrs. C. N. Twaddell, Decatur—Black brocade silk, with jet and chiffon trimmings; La France roses.

Mrs. Yredenburg—Pink Dresden taffeta, with embroidered chiffon and white spangles.

Mrs. Tanner's gown was fashioned of pure white marlboro velvet, with decolleté waist of white embroidered chiffon, elaborate trimmed in pearl passementerie. The sleeves were of butterfly pattern and very fluffy at the top. The skirt was cut with a court train. Mrs. Tanner's nuptial gilt, an elegant coiffure ornament of diamonds, in a fleur-de-lis design, decorated the hair. A large bouquet of white orchids completed the ensemble.

The K. P. dedicating team will meet for rehearsal tomorrow night at the hall. Every one of the subordinate and grand lodge officers is expected to be present promptly on time—7 p. m.

In the county court last evening Alexander Deake pleaded guilty to getting money on bank checks by false pretense. He was fined \$10 and costs and given a sentence of thirty days in the county jail. Deake will set the fine is paid. He will be at liberty in February.

Chicora, Pa., "Herald": Richard Vansel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vansel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectation very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoerner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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We have reduced the price of coke to \$1 per ton crushed to size suitable for hard coal base burners and to \$3.50 per ton for uncrushed, delivered to any part of the city. In lots of less than one half ton the per bushel will be charged. One ton of coke will burn 25 per cent longer than one ton of hard coal—hence it can be used at half the expense its use is furnished away with the annoyance of gas and smoke attendant on the use of soft coal.

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'PHONE NOS. 550.

By Removed.

Dr. Bumstead assisted by Dr. Howard Wood removed the left eye from a son of Daniel Van Hall yesterday. The eye was injured several months ago and since then has been troubling the young man and as the sight was gone it was thought best to remove it. The sight of the other eye will thus be saved.

THE DELSARTE CLUB.

Lecture by Miss Brooks, of Springfield, at the Woman's Club House.

There was a large audience of ladies at the assembly room of the Woman's club house last night to hear the instructive lecture on Delsartism delivered by Miss Margaret Brooks, of the Bettie Stuart Institute, Springfield. The young lady treated the subject in all its bearings and gave considerable valuable instruction as to physical culture.

Miss Brooks in her lecture said in part:

"Many persons have an erroneous idea of the term delsartism. This is true from the act that 'statue posing' ('Greek dancing') 'feather movements,' and so forth have been given recently in this country by persons who know comparatively little of the system. This system is peculiarly adapted to the wants of the Woman's club because the movements begin with relaxing exercises and are especially beneficial for nervousness and to counteract the hurry and work of household affairs because they are slow and soothing." The lecturer stated that she had proposed in her course of lessons not to confine herself entirely to delsart, because she considers many of the movements of the Swedish gymnastics of the greatest benefit. The subject of good breathing will receive especial attention, the lessons on breathing being founded on Leo Keller's system.

The Club.

Those who joined the class last night were Misses Adele Lower, Edna Strader, Dot Cleary, Alice Baker, Mary Harry, Mary Clary, Clara Hawkins, A. Marie Macpherson, Lillian B. Irwin, Grace Hutchinson, Ida Sanford, Margaret Murphy, Jessie Brown, Carrie Mallory, Eva Bixby, Mary Moore, Minnie K. Brand, Mario Buckingham, Anna Vetterlein and Mary Keethers. Mesdames EH Bronnenman, T. W. Douglas, J. T. Ward, H. C. Jones, Charles Akers, V. N. Hostetler, P. H. Hunt, W. C. Jones, F. J. Woutte, J. G. Badenhausen, Fred Norman

The classes will meet each Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock and at 7:30. A number of the teachers from the public schools are preparing to organize a class among themselves. The class will be much larger than this and names will be received at each meeting.

Decatur at the Capitol.

The governor's inaugural ball at the state house last night was a brilliant affair, and many notable people were present.

It was a great display of beauty and style. Decatur was represented. The Chicago Tribune today devoted considerable space to the toilets of the ladies.

These are extracts from the report:

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Lewis Morrison as Richelieu.

Mr. Lewis Morrison is an actor of intelligence and long experience. In his career he has played a great and varied number of parts but he has found none that he feels more rightfully belongs to him than that of Cardinal Richelieu. He is peculiarly fitted for this part in voice, physique and the eagle like sharpness of his eyes. It is a good thing for the welfare of the log-timber drama that we have an actor like Mr. Morrison. The scene deserves of all that is best and noblest in the art of Thespis.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1897.
WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Increasing cloudiness; rain or snow by Wednesday morning; rising temperature; variable winds; shifting to easterly.

A Pessimistic Democrat.
St Louis Globe-Democrat: Senator David B. Hill takes a rather more gloomy view of the future of his party than most of his brother Democrats hold—or, at any rate, a more gloomy view than they express. "The demagogues," he says, "by their violent doings, have driven every man of property from the Democratic party, and the party is now on the rocks of Populism." He thinks that the sound money Democrats will want to control the party in 1900. But whether they get into control or not, he believes that all the Democrats dare to rely upon is that the Republicans will have some force quarters among themselves."

Here, indeed, is a blacker picture of Democratic prospects than any intelligent opponent of that party has painted. The senator is doubtless correct in supposing that the gold Democrats will make an attempt to get control of the party machinery in 1900, and if the silver issue, which is now out of politics remains out they may succeed. If silver returns, however, the sound money men in the Democracy are likely to be so far in the minority that they will have to renew their alliance with the Republicans. Some of them probably will continue the alliance in any event. In only one eventuality—the failure of prosperity to return before the beginning of the campaign to choose delegates to the national conventions three years hence—can silver have a chance to come up in 1900 with anything like the strength which it had in 1896, and this chance looks very remote at the present time.

This expectation of possible Republican quarrels as a factor toward Democratic success is an illusive reliance. Funds among the obtainants of the party in power are, it is true, such a familiar manifestation in politics that they are looked to at each change of regime. They sometimes fail to make their appearance then and come years afterward. If the party maintains its sway long, this was the case with the federalists in the quarrel between Adams and Hamilton, and with the Republicans in the Garfield-Conkling wrangle. They occasionally take place, though at the outset in the party's control of the government, as happened with the whigs in the Clay-Tyler bank conflict of 1841, and with the Democrats in the Gorman-Cleveland tariff fight of 1894. Still, though history has a habit of repeating itself in embarrassing ways at inopportune times, there is a reasonable probability that this phenomenon will not reveal itself in a form which will trouble the Republicans. The incentives for harmony among the Republicans are especially powerful at this time, and it is fair to believe that they will be decisive. The Republicans return to the control of the government in a crisis which demands from the dominant party the highest qualities of statesmanship, but it is safe to assume that, knowing their opportunities and responsibilities, they will be able to meet its requirements in a reasonably satisfactory way.

A Gem from Speaker Reed.
Thomas B. Reed has said and written many pungent paragraphs but none better than the following in his introduction to "Protection and Prosperity":

Somewhere or other, times like these are great educators. How very fine used to be the sneer about hitting one's self by the boot straps! How clear used also to seem the demonstration that taxes could create nothing! What a fine, large mouth the consumer had those days, and how gaudy and unworthy seemed the hands of the producer! Now the muffled mouth has discovered who owns the hands. This book will show you that this has been the history of nations, a hundred times; nay, it has been the history of our own nation half a score of times in our short life. Like the Spanish Grandees in the Century we were well and wanted to be better, took medicine, and here we are. Is it worth while to undergo this death and resurrection again? We shall never do it if we lay fast hold on the facts of the universe. There may be a time come when nations will be no more, when the brotherhood of man may be established, when communication may be so rapid, when we shall be so equally advanced in civilization, that nobody will care where he lives or is buried; when distance shall break no tie, and when the universal language is spoken by everybody without in that time we may lose nations and become citizens of the world. War trade may reign. But such a war may happen within the hundred years center in that week when two

English speaking nations were ready to attack each other by the throat about a boundary thousands of miles away, and the German emperor was ready to fight the kingdom of his grandmother about some people in Africa whose ancestors left the fatherland so long ago that history is not quite sure that they did leave it. Nationality is a fact, brotherhood is a hope. Perhaps if we live up to our fact, that may be the best way to arrive at our hope.

How Cobden Fooled the Farmers.
George B. Curtis in "Protection and Prosperity" relates how Richard Cobden and his associates told the farmers of England that free trade would bring them prosperity. He says:

Mr. Cobden ridiculed the warnings of Lord George Bentinck, Disraeli and others. Referring to their prophecies, he says:

"They have told them, the farmers, with all the high authority that belongs to their life and station, that the Corn Laws will be abolished; they tell their tools, the papers, like *Grandmamma*, that if the Corn Laws were abolished, the farmers would be ruined even if they paid no rent."

Again, in the same year Mr. Cobden declared that it was positively demoralizing to argue that the English farmer could not, with free imports, compete against the foreigner. Men who indulged in such reasoning were, he said, "gross humbugs" who were guilty of "a gratuitous piece of impertinence." Free trade he added, "will make the agriculturist of this country capable of competing with the farmers of any part of the world."

"And yet today the farms of England are ruined and the farmers a class of paupers."

Yesterday the presidential electors elected by the people, met in the several state capitals and cast their votes for president, giving McKinley 271; Bryan, 176; Hobart, 27; Sewall, 116; Watson, 30. Watson's voter came from Arkansas, 3; Colorado, 4; Idaho, 1; Louisiana, 1; Missouri, 4; Montana, 2; Nebraska, 4; North Carolina, 6; Utah, 2; Wyoming, 1.

The statement of Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, who has just returned from a visit to Cuba that Consul General Lee concurs with him in the opinion that Spain cannot suppress the rebellion in Cuba completely exposes the foolish course Olney and Cleveland are pursuing in hampering the Cubans in the interest of Spain, and will have its effect in Washington in the near future.

A FUNERAL CUSTOM.
The Troubles of a Woman in a Wild Mountain Country.

"On my first circuit I had a lesson in human nature that I have never forgotten," said a Methodist minister to a Washington Star reporter.

"The circuit was in the mountains of West Virginia, and among the members of my church was a widow, who, in addition to the loss of her husband, had suffered final earthly parting with four of her children, leaving but two, a girl and a boy nearly grown.

"One night I was asked to hasten to her cabin, which I did, reaching there just in time to be with her son when he died from the effects of an accident.

"The mother, although deeply grieved, acted more calmly than I peed, and early in the morning went home, returning in the afternoon. I found the widow in the paroxysm of tears. I tried to comfort her with the usual Christian consolation. Finally she quieted down enough to say:

"Tain't only that he died. I know he's better off."

"What is it, then?"

"We kin't her no funeral."

"No funeral?"

"No. Sal's jes' got back from th' sto', an' not a y'd o' black hev they got. I never did 'ead no funeral 'thout black, an' I ain't goin' ter 'ead now. He kin git long ter be buried 'thout a funeral better' I kin bemean myself hav'n one when I ain't got nothin' 'tten to w'r."

"And Jim was buried with no one present except his mother, his sister and me."

OLD-TIME SOUTHERN SPORT.
Members of Hunting Club on Whom Big Game Were Imposed.

Among the sports of olden times the hunting clubs were prominent everywhere, says the Atlanta Constitution. In Camden county one of the most famous of clubs in this country was built at Bear Hammock and kept under the supervision of Gen. John Floyd. It was there that the Camden County Hunting club organized in 1832 held its meetings, made its rules and imposed its fines.

The charter members of the club were Charles R. Floyd, Richard Floyd, Henry Floyd, John Floyd, Ben Hopkins, J. H. Dilworth, James Holzendorf, John Holzendorf, Alexander Holzendorf, P. M. Nightingale, William Berrie and Henry du Bignon. Several members joined afterward. The club dress was a scarlet jacket and black pantaloons and a fine of 300 copper cents was imposed on Alexander Holzendorf at one meeting for not having on the regulation dress. No member was to be absent from the meetings unless by good excuse, and James Holzendorf was fined 1,000 copper cents for one absence. After the day's hunt, sometimes with the luck of 16 deer, an elegant dinner was served before dispersing.

The 10th rule read: "Game is considered by the club to be deer, bear, hogs, cows, bulls, wildcats and turkeys." Wild cattle and hogs abounded in the woods in those days, the latter living to an old age, which was told by the tusks, sometimes eight to ten inches long.

THE TURN OF LIFE.

THE MOST CRITICAL PERIOD IN THE LIFE OF A WOMAN.
Experience of Mrs. Kelly, of Patchogue, Long Island.

There is no period in woman's earthly career which she approaches with so much anxiety as the "change of life." Yet during the past twenty years women have learned much from a woman.

It is safe to say that women who prepare themselves for the eventual period, pass through it much easier than in the past.

There is but one course to pursue to subdue the nervous complications, and prepare the system for the change. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should be used.

It is well for those approaching this time, to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. She has the experience of years to aid her in advising. She will charge you nothing.

She helped this woman, who says:

"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in my family ten years, with the best results. Some time ago my daughter had cutarrh of the womb, and it entirely cured her. I was approaching the "change of life," and was in a deplorable condition. My womb had fallen, and the bearing-down pains and backache were terrible, and kidneys affected.

"I began taking the Compound, and my pains ceased. I consider it the strong bridge between sickness and health, and recommend it to everybody I meet who needs it."—MRS. L. KELLY, Patchogue, L. I.

NEW WOMAN VS. BULK.

How a West Side Girl Succeeded in Closing a Car Door.

He was so big he got in his own way. Not only was his stature exceptional, but his girth kept even stride therewith. He stumbled onto a Madison street trailer the other morning and took station before the forward door. There he remained for a space. This is how it all happened, says the Chicago Chronicle.

She was young, pretty, black-haired and black-eyed. When the train stopped at one of the cross streets she stepped gracefully out on the platform and encountered him of the bulk. He stumbled a bit, but got in the way more than he would have done if he had retained his position. Finally, after much darting about, the girl succeeded in entering the car to escape the chill wind, which was blowing gayly.

The car was crowded and she was forced to stand. So she took her position immediately inside the door, while the big man maintained a similar position on the platform. He settled back against the door and by sheer weight inserted a portion of his anatomy in the doorway. It was cold, but the girl could not shut the door; he was too heavy. Then she thought and then she smiled.

She quietly adjusted her hat-pin, gave the door a gentle pull and the big man neatly vaulted over the dashboard. He did not say anything nor did he upset more than half the other passengers on the platform. He fell off to the street, gazed wistfully at the receding car and started down the street. The girl burst into a hysterical laugh, bottled up suddenly and became preternaturally solemn. There was a button off the back of his coat. She put her foot over it as it lay on the car floor.

"CALLERS" NOT DESIRED.

A Writer's Reasons for Thinking "Visiting" Intolerable.

Of what earthly use is "company"? You probably see your neighbors once a week, meeting them on the public highways, and if you nod pleasantly and speak a word or two of the weather and of the health of the family, has not everything been done that one necessarily require or formality can reasonably demand? If we have business, or need information that others can give us, go and ask of them. Be brief, but to the point, advises the Detroit Free Press, and, leaving with what is desired, carry away also their blessing. To go to another's house, to request of its inmates one or all, to sit for half an hour or longer and listen to your platitudes, and, coming away, lie to them about a pleasant call, is intolerable. Yet there are thousands who do this daily. Why should I leave my occupation, be it loafering even, and give my attention to some man or woman who is thoughtless enough to "call"?

The actuating motive never appears. Much is spoken and nothing said. I receive no worthy thought to profit by or increase the probability of a beatific eternity. The familiar well-gnawed bones of doctrine fall from the devil's table. Usually I am forced to breathe at such a time a gossip-poisoned atmosphere. This "call" is another idea of civility, and I am compelled, it appears, to be a victim of his or her whim. If I refuse, as I have done point-blank, to present myself, I am called a boor and all manner of ugly names.

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OUR ART GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Is steadily growing in favor. Every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY from 9 to 11 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m., we will give instructions in Art Needlework absolutely FREE OF CHARGE. "THE BIG STORE" again demonstrates its desire to please its patrons.

...Some Great Offers in This Class of Goods...

Embroidery Hoops, each.....
Linen Doylies for center pieces, worth 40c, each.....
Remnants of Doylies, each.....
Cotton Pillow Cord in fancy colors, per yard.....
Lace Sets for dresses (4 pieces).....

Another big purchase of those fancy Lamp Shades made of imported crepe paper, with tinted edges, decorated with Morning Glories, Spotted Lillies, Violets, Poppies and Iris. A \$2.50 Shade for.....

98c

...Curtains and Upholstery Goods...

Prices upset and original values forgotten in our efforts to clear this stock before February 1, 1897, the date of our semi annual inventory.

One lot of Lace Curtains, containing 10 different styles, two to six pairs of each style. Worth from \$1.75 up to \$2.50 all at one low price.....

20 pairs Irish Point Curtains, 3½ yards long and 50 inches wide. Worth \$5.00 pair, for.....

ALL OF OUR DRAPERY GOODS MIGHTILY REDUCED.

12½c Silkoline, yard.....
100 yards Silk Tapestry, in five different colors. Sold at \$2.50. Reduced just one-half.....

TWO LEADERS**In that Great Clearance Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Winter CAPES AND JACKETS.**

175 Ladies' and Misses' Coats, plain and fancy trimmed. Made up by first-class workmen. A very stylish garment which sold well for \$16.50. All go at one price.....

200 Ladies' and Misses' Cloth Jackets, some tight-fitting, others Franklin front and plaited back. New sleeves and collar. Black, Navy and fancy mixtures. Would be cheap at \$12.00. All go at one price.....

Domestics

One of those Special sales in which every economical housewife is always interested. SUCH VALUE-GIVING ONLY OCCURS AT "THE BIG STORE."

Heavy Outing Flannel, in neat light colors and fancy stripes, per yard.....
Boat quasi American Indigo Blue Print Calico, per yd.....
Black and White, Turkey Red and Black Prints; the 7c kind SPECIAL.

Ready-Made Shirts, 31x90 inches; others sell them at 6c.....

10 inch Turkey Red Table Damask; cheap at 30c yard—SPECIAL.

MISS ANNA BUTT

Miss Anna Butt of Decatur is visiting relatives and friends in this locality this week.

A "hop" [at] H. H. Park's last Friday night.

Little Nina Butt, who has been visiting with her grandparents in Decatur since Christmas, returned to her home Friday.

Miss Anna Dewalt did shopping in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Park spent Sunday with Chas. Bevins and family.

Mrs. J. W. Major of Decatur is visiting her mother, Mrs. Carr.

Will Cole spent Sunday with Howard Carr and family of Harristown.

The entertainment which was given at the hall Saturday night under the auspices of the Mt. Pleasant Literary society, was largely attended. They realized quite a sum of money.

Rev. O. B. Huston will begin a series of meetings at Fairview Thursday night.

Will Landis has graduated from "Lick Skillet Academy" already so soon."

S. F. Fritz, of 677 Sedgwick street Chicago, says: "I had a severe cough which settled on my lungs. I tried a number of advertised remedies and also placed myself under treatment of several physicians, with no benefit. I was recommended to try Foley's Honey and Tar. With little expectation of getting relief, I purchased a bottle. I had taken but few doses when I felt greatly improved; I was enabled to sleep, spitting of blood ceased, and by the time I had taken the second bottle I was entire well. It saved my life." Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

FOR RENT—Thirty acres of land, with house and barn and good well and outhouse. A good place to live in and garden. Enquire of W. L. KIRKBAUM, 422 South Main st.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. Regular convention of Chevalier Bazaar Lodge, No. 169, R. P. Hall, corner North Main and William streets, at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting Knights always welcome. ALBERT H. COPE, C. C. L. H. SHEPPARD, R. R. and S.

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For Tuesday

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Grocery House and Market

Will show some choice goods for your dinner Tuesday morning, such as....

Fresh Codfish, Fresh Flounder, Black Bass, Red Snapper, Boiled Lobster, Live Lobster, (all ocean products). In addition we will have Fresh Trout and White Fish caught in Lake Michigan. Elegant California Celery, Lettuce, Radishes, Etc. Our Market is supplied at all times with the choicest Meats that money can buy.

...Grocery Department...

We have on sale (Tuesday only) 100 cases of Genuine Sugar Corn at the unapproachable price of 55c dozen (full weight). We also offer you standard size Pine Apple at 15c per can, \$1.50 per dozen.

OUR "MAUD S" FLOUR

Made from the very best northern hard wheat grown on timber land, and hence the fine nutty flavor. You can prove to your satisfaction of its superior quality by buying a sack. Every sack guaranteed as represented.

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Largest Variety.
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OUR STOCK OF

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Is unequaled in the city.

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ROSE'S UMBRELLAS. *

ELEGANT LINE...

At Prices to Meet All Pocketbooks

Handkerchiefs, Neckwear,
Hosiery, Corsets.

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DECATUR, ILL.

HOW HE GOT HIS ZITHER.

A Missouri Sent Abroad for an instrument with Funny Results. A musical instrument dealer tells a good story at the expense of a musical-inclined and wealthy resident of the little Missouri town of Hermann, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Some time ago he wanted a fine zither and searched the local market for one that would suit him. The time he spent was of sufficient value to pay for an ordinary instrument, and yet he did not succeed in getting anything that quite satisfied him. Confident that there was nothing in this country that would answer, he wrote to European dealers, and finally ordered one that he thought would go ahead of anything ever seen in this section.

His friends were all posted and awaited the arrival of the instrument in anxious expectancy. It came a few days ago, and the package was carefully opened in the presence of half a dozen admiring friends. The zither was a beauty, there was no mistaking that but on a closer examination there was the maker's stamp indelibly placed on the frame, and it read: "Washington Mo., U. S. A." a neighboring town of Hermann. The gentleman might have saved \$50, in addition to the express and import charges, and have avoided all the waiting which he had to endure. But he would never have been satisfied.

The zither is an expensive instrument and difficult to manufacture, being very delicate and requiring the best of material and most skillful of workmen, but dealers say it is a fact that the manufacturers of this country make the best ones placed on the market. There are but three factories in this country, one in this state and two in the east. Their instruments are largely sold in Europe, some of them without being branded, and then sent back to this country at prices 100 per cent. above what they should be. The ocean trips may improve them, but the Hermann gentleman cannot see just where it comes in.

HUNTERS HIT BY THEIR GAME.

Instances Where Sportsmen Have Received Severe Blows from Birds.

Game killed in full flight has a momentum that carries it a long way sometimes. London Field relates several instances where the birds have hit the sportsman. In one case George Monner was shooting in the woods of Long Island when a grouse, driven by heat, came flying along fast and high up. He shot at it, and then, with the other barrel, fired at another bird. Just as he was about lowering his gun after the second shot he received a blow on the head that knocked him senseless. The grouse first had tumbled against his head.

That same afternoon a wheelman riding along near the line of hunters admiring the scenery did not observe a big black cock till its feathers brushed his head. The black cock had been killed and had nearly hit him in falling. The Badminton volume on shooting tells how the late Charles Leslie was knocked out at the battery by a grouse he had shot. A strong hit probably saved him from serious injury.

American hunters have had similar experience. A man was riding along in a wagon some time ago, according to Forest and Stream, when something hit him on the head with enough force to make him dizzy. An unbound partridge flying through the woods had hit him fair. Why the bird did not turn aside is much mystery as the fact that partridges sometimes fly against house sides and are killed in so doing.

Cost of a Cardinal's Hat.

The red hat of a cardinal costs him more money than kings pay for any except their very best crowns. Before accepting it the gentle prelate must make offerings to the propaganda and to his titular church at Rome, and pay fees to a long list of officials, ranging from chamberlains at the vatican down to the cooks and sweepers and the soldiers of the Swiss guard. Indeed, the new cardinal has to pay fees at every step from the moment of his creation to the occasion of his receiving the red hat in public consistory, and when all is over and done finds himself out of pocket to the extent of \$2,500 at least. If the cardinal is without means to defray the cost of his elevation, and if he is to reside in Rome, the vatican is ready to make him a loan to be repaid in installments out of his yearly allowance.

The Seven in Burmah.

The new woman should take her way to Burmah. There, travelers say, is the only place on earth where true equality between the sexes exists. In spite of this, it is claimed, no women are more womanly than the Burmese women, whose good sense enables them to set the line where they ought to stop. In the higher classes a woman has property of her own and manages it herself. In the lower classes she always has a trade and runs her business on her own responsibility, the sexes choose their own occupations, and it is curious to see the men sometimes sewing or embroidering, while the women have nearly all the retail trade of the island on their hands.

Mourning for a Chinese Kaiser.

When a Chinese emperor dies the intelligence is announced by dispatches to the several provinces written with purple ink, the mourning color. All persons of rank are required to take red silk ornaments from their caps, with the ball or button of rank; all subjects of China, without exception, are called upon to forbear shaving their heads for 100 days, within which period none may marry, play upon musical instruments or perform any sacrifice.

Mourning Color in Brazil.

At the funeral of an unmarried woman in Brazil scarlet is the mourning hue. The coffin, the hearse, the trappings of the horses and the livery of the driver must be scarlet.



MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—Wheat, cash, \$3.50; May, 30c; Corn, cash, 20c; May, 12½c; Oats, cash, 17c; May, 19c.

New York, Jan. 12.—Butter, steady, creamers, 17½c; Eggs, steady, 13½c.

NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Jan. 12.—Wheat, May, 37½c; Corn, May, 39c; oats, 20c.

PROFLA QUOTATIONS.

PROFLA, Jan. 12.—Corn, 60¢, No. 2 white, peck; oats, 12d; flour, No. 2, white, 1866c. Rice nominal.

PASSING OF THE FAKE AUCTION.

One Kind of Business That is Happily and Permanently Suspended.

Where has the jewelry auctioneer gone? Up to three years ago there were at least a dozen places on the South side where a gaudy display of watches, diamonds and revolvers in the windows called attention to a scarcely less bold auctioneer within. He stood on an elevation behind the counter; he had "cappers" both inside and outside the place, and his sonorous tones were ringing all the time. He watched the stream of passers-by on the street and "backed the play" of the cappers. He sold all manner of watches, and he always "got the best of it."

As a rule, says the Chicago Post, these salesmen were excellent auctioneers and knew all the wiles of their craft.

Up to two years ago some of them were still running, but they gradually faded out, and now there is not one, with the trifling exception of a Saturday night fling in West Madison street. They must do a good business, selling quantities of material at an excellent price. But there was an end of all things in their line and the jewelry auction has vanished.

Gambling in India.

Amongst the Hindus throughout the whole of India there is a holiday celebration in honor of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good fortune, wherein gambling is universally regarded as a religious duty. It is known as the festival of lamps, and on that day all classes indulge in games of chance with shells, coins, cards, dice, etc., and the future of the individual, whether good or bad, is looked upon as a forecast of his wealth or poverty during the ensuing year. The women take a most intense interest in the proceedings and, if fortunate, expend their winnings in the purchase of sweet-meats and fruits, as gifts to all their friends and relations, toys for the small children and fireworks for the boys. At Benares, their sacred city, as night approaches, small earthen lamps, fed with oil, are kindled, marking the outlines of every mansion, palace, temple and minaret visible. All vessels in the river are also illuminated; so that the whole city is one blaze of light.

Suicide Is Hereditary.

An extraordinary instance of hereditary tendency to suicide was told by Prof. Brouardel in Paris lately. A farmer near Etampes hanged himself without apparent cause, leaving a family of seven sons and four daughters. Ten of the eleven subsequently followed the father's example, but not until they had married and begotten children, all of whom likewise hanged themselves. The only survivor is son, who is now 68 years of age, and has passed safely beyond the family hanging age.

States of Real Estate.

A. T. Risley to Sophronie Miller, tract of land in 28, 19, 1 east, \$200.

Quite claim deeds, eight in number, giving tracts of land in Macon county from the Philo Hale estate were filed. The beneficiaries are Edwin V. Hale, W. H. Hale, Ellen Hale Bolton, Cleveland C. Hale, Alice M. Cowles, Florence Hale Russell and Edith Hale. The executrix is Susan C. Hale who makes the transfer. The charge for recording the instruments is \$10.

Methodist Presiding Elders to Meet.

The presiding elders of the Illinois conference, Methodist Episcopal church, will be held at the First M. E. church this evening to arrange the details for a meeting of all members of the conference missionary societies to be held in Decatur on March 3 and 4. It will be a notable gathering of missionary workers. There will probably be 300 visitors in the city for the two days.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 15 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

Champaign has seventeen electric motors in operation exclusive of those on the street cars.

About the Eyes.

For people with sore eyes, weak, watery eyes, and red and inflamed eyes, caused by age, cataract or otherwise, the Brazilian Balm is a priceless boon. Put 15 or 20 drops of Balm into a spoonful of warm water and bathe the eyes well night and morning, getting some of the solution into the eyes. The relief and benefit is worth a hundred times the cost.

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DR. J. F. FRIBLEY, DENTIST. SUITE 304.

DR. M. BRANDOM, OCULIST. SUITE 305. **DR. C. W. BRANDOM,** OPTICIAN. SUITE 306.

DR. JOHN T. MILLER, PHYSICIAN. SUITE 306.

DR. W. M. CATTO, ...PHYSICIAN... SUITE 309.

DR. B. L. MAIENTHAL, PHYSICIAN. SUITE 322.

DR. J. G. HARVEY, Will remove from Arcade Building to his new office, Suite 31, Orlando Powers' Building.

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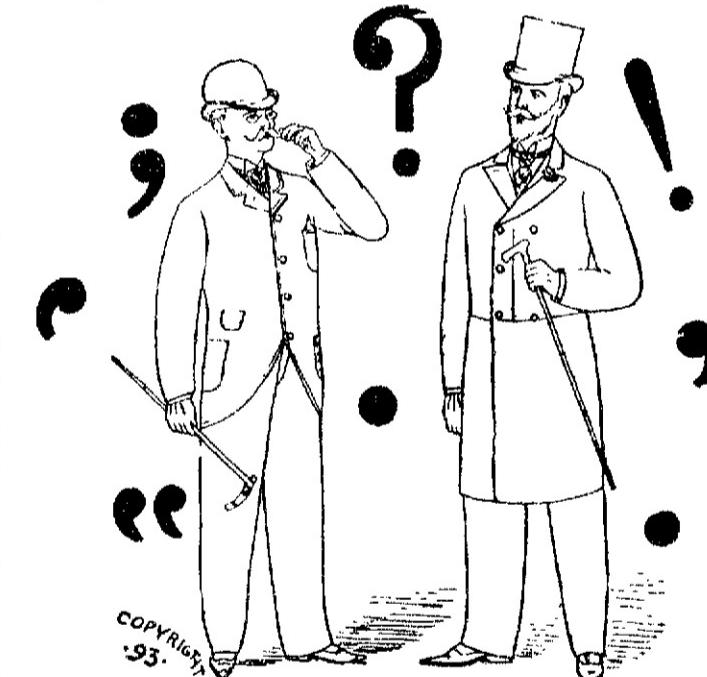
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Big Mark-Down in All Departm'ts.

Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, Ulsters, Trousers and FURNISHING GOODS.

...\$100,000 Stock to Select From...

COME AND SEE US.

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129 North Water Street.

THE WAYS OF JUSTICE.

An innocent man suffered for nothing another count of crime.

When one reads in the newspapers a report that a person who happened to die in the commission of a crime is held to insure his appearance at the trial one wonders at the ways of the New York Mail and Sun.

In those days the only way to be held as a witness, if one were to be in the neighborhood where a crime is committed, is to face it in jail, taking into consideration the risk of a man to be caught for committing a crime as to be a witness to the commission of a crime.

For about three years ago a man was arrested for the crime of many others. There was no doubt about his guilt, but there was only one witness. This witness happened to be a poor man, without friends, and was put in jail in default of bonds.

In appearance at the trial he looked like a cell near the one in which the man who committed the crime was confined. The idea of being in jail, and the knowledge that his wife and children were without the necessities of life on account of his detention, so weighed upon his mind that before the end of the trial he had become hopeless and had to be committed to an asylum where he is now.

That is the only witness in the case and the man who was to be tried for the commission of the crime had to be discharged for lack of evidence. The claim of the unfortunate witness was afterward placed in the care of a charitable society.

THE WELL-MANNERED BOY.

He is simply charming, but altogether too scarce.

Is there anything more charming in this world than a nice, well-mannered boy? I don't want to be hypercritical, but I must add, as I am a strictly veracious woman, that they are, alas! as rare as they are charming, says the Philadelphia Record.

Such a boy, the well-mannered gentleman, thank heaven! — I met not long ago, and my instant thought was what a fine mother his must be. I know her reputation, a celebrated actress, who has carefully shielded her private life from the public, and my estimation of that woman immediately arose to decrees. None but a woman of culture, refinement and true nobility of character could rear a son whose every lighted word showed respect for women, innate good breeding, and, best of all, in this day of affected skepticism among the proudest dunces, an honest belief in the existence of good among men and women in general.

And I couldn't help thinking, sorrowfully, as I chatted with this delightful boy, how few mothers really understand their meter. It's the most responsible work in the world, that of motherhood, and is entered into with the least training and preparation. Women are proverbially proud, vain, and immature critics say, and I wonder whether they realize how they are reflected in their children? If they did, would they not make a greater effort to live up to their good points, in their fitness, breeding, and, above all, their birth in human nature?

THE LIVELY CHILDREN.

Showing some of the difficulties attending literary work at home.

"When you come in to-night," said the literary man to his two sprightly little ones, "when you come in from their evening walk, to walk straight into the library where I was at work, and sit down and talk to me. I wish you would just say how you do and then go out. I have a lot of work to do to-night, and I don't want to be disturbed."

At hour later the literary man heard a cry. "I layed carefully in the front door, as though the person placing it there didn't wish to be heard. Then he heard mother's laughter in the hall, was from the children; they were up to something, sure. A moment later they came running through the hall, to find the other, with military step back toward the library. They turn him, marched like a file of soldiers alongside the library table on the side opposite the literary man, halted, faced, raised their hands in salute, and saluted in unison:

IRRIGATION IN THE WEST.

Millions invested in ditch enterprises along the Union Pacific.

The magnitude of irrigation enterprises in the west has been attracting attention throughout the country for some time.

The quantity of capital attracted to the west along the line of the Overland road for the purpose of investment or irrigation ventures is something enormous sufficient in the aggregate to almost construct a great railroad system. In some sections the magnitude of the work in hand is something enormous, contemplated the diversion of great streams, volumes of water equal to that of the Missouri river, into immense storage reservoirs stretching 200 miles of ground to be gradually distributed over acres of farms at the proper time. In Nebraska there are 17 great companies on the Union Pacific lines.

In Wyoming 27; in Utah, 20; in Idaho, 10; in Colorado, 17; in Kansas, 10; in Oregon, 8. This does not include small irrigation, of which there are innumerable numbers, but great concerns of from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 capital, employing hundreds, and supplying thousands of acres, sometimes controlling hundreds of miles of canals, many of which exceed the proportions of rivers when land fall.

ICE CREAM IN JAPAN.

Made and Served on Street Corners While You Wait.

The little brown men of the mikado have just as sweet a tooth as their white cousins across the sea, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. They are very fond of American candy, when they can get it, but our cheapest candy is so dear to them that they cannot afford to buy more than half a cent's worth at a time. Nevertheless, they make their own candies and sweets, and some of them are very nice.

They have an ice cream which is cooler and perhaps more healthful than that which we make ourselves. It requires no machinery and no cooking. It is made for you on the street corners of Japan while you are looking. The dealer has in a box any number of chunks of ice. You give him an order and he takes it out a clear, clean piece, half as large as the fist, and with a coarse iron grater rubs the ice into a thick snow, which falls into a cup or goblet. He rubs up enough ice to about half fill the vessel, throws over the top of it a spoonful of powdered sugar, and squeezes into it the juice of half a lemon. He hands the vessel to you, with a spoon, and you eat eat it in whatever style you like. You can mix it up and it becomes like water ice, or you can pick out the ice and sugar together and consume that separately. In the place of lemon you can have, according to the season, lime, orange, pineapple, mulberry, cherry, tea and coffee. For a small cup of this simple but pleasant delicacy the charge is two cents, and for an eggcup full, one cent.

A LIVING MEAL.

A fish that watches its own demolition is a Japanese delicacy.

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AN ARIZONA MUMMY.

Once a very rich person of the ancient Aztec nation.

An Indian mummy has been found in Arizona, near Prescott, that is believed to have once been one of the great men of the Aztecs, says the New York Journal. It was found by John F. Blundy, who communicated the facts to George F. Kuntz, the New York diamond expert, says the Chicago News.

Besides the mummy was a basket filled with a half peck of torques. With the Aztec green was a sacred stone and wealth was gauged generally by the number of green stones the person owned. Every man's treasure in those days was buried with his bones, and neglect to do this was regarded as highly sacrilegious. For the nourishment of the departed soul a few ears of corn were added.

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Chinamen Buying Wives.

The Chinamen of Australia, when they take a notion to marry, write to a matrimonial agent in Hong Kong somewhat as follows: "I want a wife. She must be a maiden under 20 years of age, and must not have left her father's house. She must also have never read a book, and her eyelashes must be half an inch in length. Her teeth must be as sparkling as the pearls of Ceylon, her breath must be like unto the scents of the magnificent odorous groves of Java, and her attire must be from the silken weavers of Ka-la-ching, which are on the banks of the greatest river in the world—the overflowing Yang-tse-kiang." The price of a Chinese woman delivered in Sydney is \$100, but two Chinese women only cost \$200; therefore, the Chinese import the women in couples. The importer never sees the women before they arrive, and then he generally selects the best one. The other is shown around to a number of well-to-do Chinese, and after they have inspected her she is submitted to what may be called public auction.

Dance in Church.

There was a curious, and to many English people an incredible, sight to have been seen in Seville recently, viz., a dance in a church. Saturday was the feast of the assumption and one of the four days on which the dance is performed, the others being the first two days of the carnival and the feast of the patron saint. The dance is performed by eight small boys, and its measure is slow. That of the minut.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, vs. LUCAS COUNTY,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY

Swear to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, 1896.

A. W. GLEASON,

Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by druggists, etc.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The new bridge in Newcomb township over the Sangamon river at Whiteford, Champaign county, recently built at a cost of \$3000, has been disabled, the wooden stringers being pulled off the steel piles. It is supposed the damage was done by a traction engine passing over the bridge.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headache. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Little Liver, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Seventy-five per cent of the mortgages filed for record in Champaign county are chattel mortgages, usually given by farmers to enable them to hold their corn for a better price.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Some trouble having been experienced in digging graves in the Minter cemetery on account of the wet, it has been thoroughly drained with the

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Biscuit. A portion of the raw fish from the pile in front of the living victim is now placed on a saucer and passed to one guest, and so on with the rest until the pile is consumed. Then the carver raises the skin (which has been already loosened) of the living fish, and proceeds to take slices after slice from the upper part. The creature has been carved while still alive, the pile of flesh first served consisting of the lower half of the body. This has been done with such consummate skill that no vital part has been touched; the heart, the liver, the gills and the stomach are left intact, while the damp seaweed on which the fish rests suffices to keep the lungs in action. The miserable victim looks on with lustrous eyes while its own body is consumed, probably the only instance of a living creature assisting as a spectator at its own entombment.

Some of the physicians in Danville, having failed to report the cause of patients affected with contagious disease, are to be prosecuted.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The Strator Daily Independent-Times has been sold by David LaRoy to B. S. Barlow, the cause of retirement being old age.

Yes, 'tis true, Foley's Honey and Tar is the best Cough Medicine. Noisier Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

The sixth annual reunion of the members of the Illinois Kiwanis League will be held in Dwight the last week in May.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor, delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Danville has had a dog show, which was a great success, and will be repeated next Saturday.

Foley's Honey and Tar Cough Syrup whenever introduced is considered the most pleasant and effective remedy for all throat and lung complaints. It is the only genuine t-cough medicine that contains no opiums and that can safely be given to children.

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Since 1877, Squire McHenry of Clinton, has joined for better or worse about 400 couples.

Look—A dear little child who made me happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house. One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Forty million, seven hundred thousand bushels of corn were received at Peoria in 1896.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

True grippe is a germ disease. These germs are in the circulation and pervade every tissue and organ of the body. This brings speedy collapse and often death to the aged and debilitated. The only germicide known that searches out and destroys every grippe germ in the system is Brazilian Balm. A week or ten days' treatment effects a complete cure.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists

DeWitt county turkey, weighing forty pounds, has been shipped east from Clinton.

Dr. L. Kittinger, a leading physician of Wilmington, Del., asked the proprietor of Brazilian Balm to send him a dollar bottle. A few weeks afterwards the doctor said: "I had a couple of cases of old Cough on hand that completely baffled me. I had got to the end of my string. But the Balm made a prompt cure in both cases. It is a remarkable remedy."

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,

LOAN BROKER,
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
15 North Water Street, Decatur, Ill.

GEO. P. HARDY,
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Apr. 23-dff

B. I. STERRETT
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OFFICE—Over Bryan Clothing Store, Decatur.

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a.m., 2 to 4 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m.
Telephone—Residence, 304; Office, 305.
Aug. 23-dff

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
Office Hours—10 to 12 a.m., 2 to 4 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m.
Telephone—Residence, 304; Office, 305.
Aug. 23-dff

DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE—Over Bradley Bros.' Store, Room 40 and 41.
RESIDENCE—412 West Prairie Avenue.
Telephone—(412), Office 66; Residence, 560.
Aug. 20-dff

DR. M. A. MAJORS,
Treats all Diseases of Men, Women and Children. Health Advice Free.
TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. Office Hours 9 a.m. to 12 m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

PROFESSIONAL NURSE.
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Large experience, best of references.
Fees reasonable. Maternity nursing professed.
Please call or address No. 123 East Bradford street, Decatur, Ill. Nov 21-dff

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
Jan. 24-dff

R. H. OLIPHANT,
No. 325 East Main Street.
Now quarters with a neat Barber Shop and Express Line Combination.

CHAS. PERKINS
Will Cut Hair for .
Now you want a Wig, bring up old phone 442.
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed an

delivered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of

MACON COUNTY, ILL

In the Circuit Court, Macoupin Co., Ill.

ROGERS BROS.' Knives, Forks and Spoons.

None Genuine Without "1847"
Stamped Upon Them.

These "1847 Rogers Bros." make is the old original brand of Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons, and cost more in the market than any Rogers make. PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE IT WITH Wm. Rogers, Rogers & Brother or any other Rogers, without the "1847 Rogers Bros." trade mark stamped upon them. There are twenty imitations, all of which use the word "Rogers" in some shape, but none but the genuine dare use "1847 Rogers Bros."

You should get our prices on

Solid Silver Spoons.

We are showing a very fine line at
VERY LOW PRICES.

We claim to be Headquarters on

Diamonds, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

OUR SECOND FLOOR CHINA DEPARTMENT

Is second to none in the State, and we are showing Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware in a very large variety of patterns, and at prices equal to corn at 15 cents a bushel.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

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Snow And Ice—

Will soon confront you and remind you that your Shoes or Rubbers will need to be replaced with a new pair. You can find just what you need and at the right prices at our store.

Big Stock of CHRISTMAS SLIPERS to select from.

BUY NOW while you can get sizes.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE....

—OF—

**Smith & Calkin's Stock
Up to Date
Furnishings
and Hats.**

This is the Finest and Cleanest stock of HABER-DASHERY ever in the City of Decatur, and prices from now will be cut to less than you pay for inferior goods.

Don't fail to Call at the Haberdashery Store,

211 North Water Street.

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.

HEADACHE CURED
FOR 10 CENTS
—AT—
KING'S DRUG STORE,
By using Dr. Hamilton's
Headache Tablets.
Cor. Main and Water Sta.,
Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

TRIUMPH COURT NO. 17, Tribe of Hebron, will be re-opened by Dr. J. H. Edwards, New Haven, at 7:30 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening. All members requested to be present. Installation of officers. Dr. J. H. Edwards, Chf. G. S. Price, Scrubs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Burke's White Pine Balsam cures coughs. You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraiture but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keek.

Headache cured in fifteen minutes with Irwin's harmless powder.

Hear Little Robert, the 5-year-old soprano, tonight at the Baptist church.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 28—dinner.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Wolgand. Moh 25 ct.

The next meeting of the Central Illinois Holiness Association will be held at Bloomington, Aug. 27 to Sept. 6.

Fresh lobsters, red snappers, black bass, yellow perch, at Pearl Oyster Fish Co. Tel. 244. 7-dff

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

See Ralph and Robert in Greek costume tonight.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Sleeth, the photographer, is moving his gallery from the Chenoweth building to the new Powers block. The rooms he vacates will be rebuilt for offices.

A meeting of the Sunday school of the Congregational church will be held this evening and officers for the next year will be elected.

Ladies' and Children's made-up dresses, capes and cloaks nicely dyed, cleaned and pressed. Fine dry cleaning a specialty. Ladies' cloaks and capes re-lined and repaired. Plush and velvet cloaks and capes cleaned and steamed at Miller's New Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

To Rent Cheap, to a family without children, a house of four rooms, cellar, well, cistern and city water. Apply on premises, 703 North Union street. 22 dff

Considerable local interest centers in the Joe Myers murder trial. The court room was crowded all forenoon by people watching every move while the attorneys were examining men as to their qualifications to serve as jurors. It is the second time within a year that Myers has been on trial for his life.

Farm lands in the vicinity of Morton, in Tazewell county, are valued at from \$15 to \$150 an acre, and the alleged reason is that a large settlement of the Omishi church there has advanced the price to these figures, they being excellent farmers and deacons of settling near each other. It is said that more than one-half of the residents are Omishi and, as they never vote, it being against their religion, the town furnishes the anomaly of the majority ruling the majority.

Splendid Offer to Ladies.
A nice piece of music will be given free with each copy of a January magazine. Chodat News House.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store.

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SELECTING A JURY.

Slow Progress in the Joe Myers Murder Trial in Court.

The second trial of Joe Myers for the murder of August Hackman is progressing slowly in the circuit court. Only four jurymen were accepted at the adjournment of court last evening. This forenoon the attorneys devoted themselves to the task of picking out jurymen. The prisoner was frequently consulted when it came to deciding what should be done in passing on a man who had answered all questions satisfactorily. He would either give his consent or object and the prisoner's wishes would be respected. Myers keeps his attention fixed upon the proceedings. It is tedious work selecting a jury in a murder case, but every man examined furnishes renewed interest. The answers to questions are different and some are decidedly amusing. Perhaps the necessary twelve men will be secured by night.

The jurymen accepted are Albert McDaniel, Francois Knapp, S. L. Hill, Edward Baker, W. L. Newman, George Price, Charles Bell and J. O. Spence. J. E. Boutwell and Charles Walmsley have been partly passed upon.

Thus far eighty-eight persons have been examined as to their qualifications to serve as jurors.

Train Changes on the Vandalia.
No. 29, leave at 8 a.m., arriving at Terre Haute at 11:30 a.m. This was the train that used to leave at 8:44 a.m., coming through from Peoria.

No. 6, through train from Peoria, arriving here at 3:15 p.m., leaving at 8:20.

This is the train that now arrives in Decatur at 6:15 p.m.

No. 7, from Terre Haute arrives at 11:35 a.m., leaves at 11:45 for Peoria. This is the train that now arrives in Decatur at 9:10 a.m.

No. 21, from Terre Haute arrives in Decatur at 7 p.m. This was formerly the through train that arrived here at 6:40 p.m. but it will now stop here.

No. 5, will leave Decatur at 7 a.m. for Peoria; new train.

No. 4, will arrive here at 9:30 p.m. from Peoria; new train.

Music at the St. Nick.

The St. Nicholas hotel had an extra rush of business today, owing to the presence of the Delta Fox opera company, and the Vredenburgh-Hoskins wedding guests from Springfield and many traveling men in the city. The dining room was crowded at the noon hour, and everything was lively in the parlors, reception rooms and halls. Hose Lantz with his customary urbanity, ease and smoothness of manner, took care of everybody in cap style and all got the same satisfactory accommodations.

More Families in Decatur.

Hereafter Decatur will be made a division point on the Vandalia road, a condition which existed last summer. The change will bring to Decatur families that have been residing at Peoria, Paris and Terre Haute. The families to return are those of Conductors James Russell and J. K. Murphy, Train Baggage men M. McCool and Joe Pentwell, Engineers Jack Gill and Charles Pierce, and the men of both the engineers.

New Law Firm.

Attorneys Edward Wilson and Attorney James S. Baldwin have formed a partnership for the practice of law under the firm name of Wilson & Baldwin, with office in rooms 105 and 407 Millikin building. The young men are energetic and enthusiastic and solicit a share of the public patronage.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Eva Williams has returned from Clinton.

Marshal Mason has returned from Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Needham went to Springfield yesterday.

A. Kaufman went to Indianapolis last evening to visit his mother.

A. J. Horine is confined to his home on North Water street by illness.

Joe Bennett is one of the elevator operators in the Powers building.

Justice Shorb was at Springfield yesterday to attend the inauguration.

Henry Martin was at Springfield yesterday to see Altgeld step down and out.

Myron Conklin was at Springfield yesterday to mingle with the crowd.

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Marriage of Peter Vredenburgh, Jr., of Springfield, and Miss Pussy Hoskins, of Decatur,

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Ceremony Performed at High Noon by Rev. W. H. Penhaligon. Reception to be Given This Evening at the Hoskins Residence—Guests from Springfield—The Toilets.

The marriage of Peter Vredenburgh, Jr., of Springfield, and Miss Pussy Hoskins, of Decatur, was performed at the First Presbyterian church, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Penhaligon officiating. The wedding was one of the largest and most elaborate that has taken place in the city for some time. About one thousand invitations were issued and a large number of persons from Springfield were in the city to attend the ceremony. The church was crowded. This evening a reception will be given at the Hoskins residence.

The Ceremony at the Church.

The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion, palms and lilies being arranged on the platform. It was a white wedding and the pure white costumes of the bride and her maids corresponded prettily with the decorations. Exactly at noon as the organist, Mrs. A. B. Alexander, played the Lohengrin bridal chorus the wedding party entered the church from the west door and marched down the middle aisle on the west side. First came two manly lads, Tom Hoskins, the brother of the bride, and La Rue Vredenburgh, the brother of the groom. Then came four ushers, Latham T. Souther, William Smith and Street Dickerman of Springfield, and Bruce Chanoweth of Decatur. They were followed by the four bridesmaids, Miss Jessie Montgomery and Miss Sadie Roby of Decatur, and Miss Elizabeth Vredenburgh of Springfield, and Miss Anna Roberts of Decatur. The maid of honor, Miss Bonnie Bartholomew of Decatur, walked alone and was followed by the bride accompanied by her father. On reaching the altar the bridesmaids stood on one side of the minister and the ushers on the other side. The groom and his best man, Charles Ridgely Hudson of Springfield, entered from the north side of the church, and met the bride as she reached the altar. The Episcopal ring service was used and the ceremony as performed by Rev. Penhaligon was most impressive. As the bride was given away by her father and during the rest of the service Mrs. Fred Stoner sang, "O Promise Me."

At the conclusion of the ceremony the organist played the Mendelssohn wedding march and the bride and groom led the way from the church. They were followed by Miss Bartholomew and Mr. Hudson, the bridesmaids and ushers. Robert H. Lord, another usher, walked with Miss Graham of Springfield, and were followed by Dr. and Mrs. Hoskins.

An incident at the close of the ceremony which caused an audible ripple of surprise throughout the audience was the attempt of the groom to salute the bride with a kiss. He had thrown back the bride's veil and graciously leaned forward to kiss the bride, but she rather coquettishly receded and thus thwarted the purpose of the young suitor. In a moment the bridal party was on the way to the waiting carriages, and everybody was chattering pleasantly about the beauty of the ceremony and the pretty scene at the altar.

The Costumes.

The bride was attired in an elegant gown of cream brocade satin made with a short train and trimmed with old Dutch lace, and wore a wedding veil of tulle fastened with orange blossoms. She carried a large bunch of white hyacinths and an ivory bound prayer book. She also wore white gloves and shoes.

The maid of honor, Miss Bartholomew, was gowned in a costume of cream satin with chiffon trimmings, wore a large white Leghorn hat with white plumes and carried white carnations.

The bridesmaids wore tastefully made dresses of white mousseline de sole over white satin and white hats tied with tulle strings. All carried white carnations.

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